

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Specification

2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Accordingly, the title has been amended to state:

"Mounting Mechanism for Mounting a Cartridge or an Optical Disc to the Tray of an Optical Disc Device"

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with George W. Neuner on 5/8/2008.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2-8 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 2 recites:

In order to mount the cartridge on the mounting surface in a cartridge mounting space, the holding mechanism is further provided with a cartridge restricting portion that has the same shape as at least a part of a front end of the cartridge as viewed in a

loading direction to the tray, and a first cartridge thickness direction restricting portion that restricts movement of the cartridge in a cartridge thickness direction and that has the same shape as at least a part of a front end of the cartridge as viewed in a loading direction to the tray.

Claim 6 recites:

In order to mount a cartridge on the mounting surface in a cartridge mounting space, the holding mechanism is further provided with a second cartridge thickness direction restricting portion that restricts movement of the cartridge in a cartridge thickness direction and that has the same shape as at least a part of a rear end of the cartridge as viewed in a loading direction to the tray.

Claim 8 recites:

The holding mechanism is structured and arranged to pivot around a predetermined supporting point in said planar direction when the cartridge is mounted.

4. These limitations are neither anticipated, nor rendered obvious by any prior art of record.

The closest reference, Nakazato et al, discloses a mounting space for both a cartridge and a disc, as well as holding structures, but the holding structures are designed to only hold a single one of the disc and the cartridge. Furthermore, Sawada and Obata disclose similar mechanisms, however, as argued by the applicant, this involves restructuring which is not permitted.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MATTHEW G. KAYRISH whose telephone number is (571)272-4220. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am - 5pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrea Wellington can be reached on 571-272-4483. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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